

Great Books for Seventh Grade Readers at the Pleasanton Public Library

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Children's Staff



Books are shelved in
*Children's Fiction or
Children's Young Teen Fiction*
by author's last name
and/or
*Children's Paperbacks or
Children's Young Teen Paperbacks*
by first letter of author's last name
(unless otherwise noted).

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if you need help.

The Wikkeling by Steven Arnston
(234 p)

In the city of Addition, all children are SAFE, SECURE, and SUPERVISED, and are watched by cameras even while they sleep. Henrietta and her classmates Gary and Rose all have recurring headaches with an unknown cause. One night Henrietta finds a wounded cat in the attic above her bedroom and soon after a series of events follow including the appearance of a threatening creature with long, waxy fingers known as the Wikkeling.



The Seer of Shadows by Avi
(202 p) *Audiobook available*

In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace, a photographer's apprentice, becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs, but when Horace accidentally frees the real ghost girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.



Ring of Fire by Pierdomenico Baccalario
(293 p) (J Young Teen) *Audiobook available*



Century Quartet series
Four seemingly unrelated children are brought together in a Rome hotel where they discover that they are destined to become involved in a deep and ancient mystery involving a briefcase full of artifacts that expose them to great danger.

The Allegra Biscotti Collection by Olivia Bennett
(246 p) (J Young Teen Paperback "A")

Allegra Biscotti Collection series
Emma Rose is not a diva. She doesn't want her turn on the catwalk—she'd rather be behind the scenes creating fabulous outfits! So when a famous fashionista discovers Emma's designs and offers her a feature in Madison magazine Emma panics. She has only one option: create a secret identity. Allegra Biscotti is born!



Kat, Incurable by Stephanie Burgis
(298 p) (J Young Teen)



Unladylike Adventures of Kat Stephenson
In Regency England, when twelve-year-old Kat discovers she has magical powers, she tries to use them to rescue her sister from marrying a man she does not love.

The Haunting of Charles Dickens



by Lewis Buzbee (357 p) (J Young Teen)
Audiobook available
Twelve-year-old Meg travels the rooftops and streets of 1862 London, England, in search of her missing brother, Orion, accompanied by a family friend, the famed author Charles Dickens, whose quest is to find his next novel.

Trackers by Patrick Carman
(321 p) *Trackers series*

The Trackers, four tech-savvy kids armed with high-tech video cameras and coding skills, are in a high stakes game with, Shantorian, the world's most dangerous hacker.



Wild Things by Clay Carmichael
(241 p) *Audiobook available*

Stubborn, self-reliant, eleven year old Zoe, recently orphaned, moves to the country to live with her prickly half-uncle, a famous doctor and sculptor, and together they learn about trust and the strength of family



If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period

by Gennifer Choldenko
(183 p) *Audiobook available*
Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, alternate telling how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate, even as they are uncovering a long-kept secret about themselves.



Double Eagle by Sneed B. Collard III



(254 p) (J Young Teen)
In 1973, Michael and Kyle's discovery of a rare Confederate coin near an old Civil War fort turns into a race against time as the boys try to find more coins before a hurricane hits Alabama's Gulf coast.

The London Eye Mystery

by Siobhan Dowd (322 p)
(J Young Teen) *Audiobook available*
When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris



wheel, the two siblings must work together - Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat - to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Dark Life by Kat Falls (297 p) (J Young Teen)



Audiobook available — Dark Life series
When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat.

The Outcasts by John Flanagan

(434 p) *Brotherband Chronicles series*



Hal and Stig may be on the scrawny side, but they have more than enough bravery to make up for it. They are the outcasts and must do battle at sea against other bands in the ultimate race on icy waters. Can they take down the Wolves, Sharks, and other bands during the dangerous race where the playing field has been turned into a battleground? ..

**This list represents a small selection of
fiction that appeals to seventh graders.
This list is not intended to limit a
child's reading, for there is no
"perfect" seventh grade book.**

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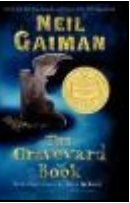
Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.




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[The Graveyard Book](#) by Neil Gaimon
(312 p) *Audiobook available*


 An orphaned boy named Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard. His guardian belongs in neither the world of the living nor the dead. And if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man named Jack who has already killed Bod’s family.

[Diamond of Drury Lane](#) by Julia Golding
(424p) *Cat Royal Adventure series*


 Catherine “Cat” Royal, an orphan who lives at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the “diamond” supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.

[The King in the Window](#) by Adam Gopnik
(410 p)

Oliver, an American boy residing in Paris, discovers, much to his astonishment, phantoms live within the windowpanes and have selected Oliver to lead a war against the “soul-stealers” that inhabit mirrors.

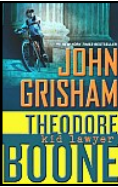


[Tunnels](#) by Roderick Gordon
(472 p) (Young Teen) *Tunnels series*

 When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will’s archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward “Topsoilers” like Will and his father.


[Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer](#) by John Grisham
(263p) *Audiobook available*
Theodore Boone series

With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it’s up to this amateur attorney to save the day.



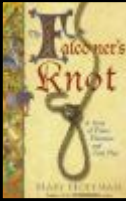
[Princess Academy](#) by Shannon Hale
(314 p)

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.




[The Falconer’s Knot](#) by Mary Hoffman
(297 p)

Silvano and Chiara, teens sent to live in a friary and a nunnery in Renaissance Italy, are drawn to one another and dream of a future together, but when murders are committed in the friary, they must discover who is behind the crimes before they realize their love.




[Savvy](#) by Ingrid Law
(342 p) *Audiobook available* — *Sequel: Scumble*


 This story recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her “savvy” — a magical power unique to each member of her family — just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

[Small Medium at Large](#) by Joanne Levy
(197 p)

After being hit by lightning, Lilah, who has a crush on classmate Andrew Finkel, discovers that she can communicate with dead people, including her grandmother who wants Lilah to find a new wife for Lilah’s divorced father.




[Hero](#) by Mike Lupica
(289 p) (J Young Teen) *Audiobook available*

 Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President’s globe-trotting troubleshooter until “the Bads” killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.


[Pi in the Sky](#) by Wendy Mass (244 p)

Joss, the seventh son of the Supreme Overlord of the Universe, must team up with a human girl to recreate Earth, when the planet is accidentally erased from existence.



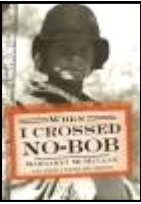
[The Night Tourist](#) by Katherine Marsh (232 p)
(J Young Teen) *Audiobook available*
Sequel: The Twilight Prisoner

After fourteen-year-old classics prodigy Jack Perdu has a near fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York’s Underworld, where those who died in New York reside until they are ready to move one, and Jack vows to find his dead mother there.




[When I Crossed No-Bob](#) by Margaret McMullan
(209 p) (J Young Teen)*Companion book to: How I Found the Strong*

Ten years after the Civil War’s end, twelve-year-old Addy, abandoned by her parents, is taken from the horrid town of No-Bob by schoolteacher Frank Russel and his bride, but when her father returns to claim her she must find another way to leave her past behind.



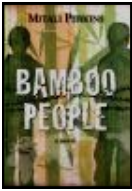
[Eye of the Crow](#) by Shane Peacock
(251 p) (J Young Teen)
Boy Sherlock Holmes series

Thirteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes uses his wits to try to solve a murder of a young woman in 1860’s London.




[Bamboo People](#) by Mitali Perkins (272 p)
(J Young Teen) *Audiobook available*

Two Burmese boys, one a Karenni refugee and the other the son of an imprisoned Burmese doctor, meet in the jungle and in order to survive they must learn to trust each other.




[First Daughter: Extreme American Makeover](#) by Mitali Perkins (277 p)
(J Young Teen) *First Daughter series*

During her father’s presidential campaign, sixteen-year-old Sameera Righton, who was adopted from Pakistan at the age of three, struggles with campaign staffers who want to give her a more “all-American” image and create a fake weblog in her name.




[The Encyclopedia of Me](#) by Karen Rivers (247 p)

During the summer leading into eighth grade and after being grounded AGAIN




Tink Aaron-Martin decides to help the time pass by writing an encyclopedia of her life.

[The Alchemyst](#) by Michael Scott
(375 p) *Audiobook available*
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series

 While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year –old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

[Liar and Spy](#) by Rebecca Stead
(180 p) (J Young Teen)
Audiobook available

 Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father’s efforts to start a new business, his mother’s extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

Paperback Series

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[Camp Confidential](#) by various authors
[Candy Apple](#) by various authors
[Conspiracy 365](#) by Gabrielle Lord
[Fred Bowen Sports Stories](#) by Fred Bowen
[My Sister the Vampire](#) by Sienna Mercer
[National Parks Mysteries](#) by Gloria Skurzynski
[Oliver Nocturne](#) by Kevin Emerson
[On the Run](#) by Gordon Korman
[Orca Sports](#) by various authors
[Poison Apple](#) by various authors
[Pendragon](#) by D.J McHale (Shelved under “M”)
[S.A.S.S. \(Students Across the Seven Seas\)](#) by various authors
[Saranormal](#) by Phoebe Rivers
[Winning Season](#) by Rich Wallace